

STATEMENT FOR RELEASE

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Statement Regarding COVID-19 Diagnosis at Heatherwood Community

Burke, VA – April 13, 2020. The Heatherwood Community has received confirmation of eleven cases of COVID-19 Coronavirus. Nine residents and two staff members. A staff member and three of the residents are currently in the hospital. The second staff member is recovering at home. As part of the aggressive preventive measures directed by the Fairfax County Health Department, twelve additional tests were administered to residents and staff showing mild signs of congestion, fever or cough. All twelve test results came back negative.

All Heatherwood Community residents and staff are being closely monitored by our team and the Fairfax County Health Department. A Fairfax County Health Department nurse is on site daily. Our residents remain under isolation protocols in their apartments and all common areas are closed. We are also restricting Independent Living residents from leaving the community. These measures will remain in place until further instruction from Fairfax County Department of Health.

Since the first reports of the COVID-19 Coronavirus, Heatherwood Community has been in compliance with recommendations provided by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and implemented all recommendations of the Fairfax County Health Department. We will continue to adapt our procedures to align with the latest recommendations and instructions.

Although these are evolving, a summary of our responsive measures since March 6 is listed below.

- Visitation was restricted to only those providing essential health services. We are arranging for video chat or Facetime sessions for our residents and their loved ones weekly.
- Team members are being monitored at the start of their shift for symptoms of flu and COVID-19 including temperature checks. Anyone with symptoms is being sent home, asked to contact their physician and to monitor their symptoms.
- Residents are being monitored daily for fever and respiratory symptoms.
- All transportation to and from the community has been cancelled.
- All meals have been delivered to resident apartments.
- We were assisting residents with social distancing. Currently, all residents are quarantined to their apartments.
- We have increased sanitizing within the community, particularly within high traffic areas, with our ESS electrostatic disinfection and sanitization treatment.
- Deliveries are being made at outside entrances and retrieved by our team to sanitize and distribute within the community.

Communication and preventative measures can be found on our website at www.rui.net under the “Coronavirus Precautions Update” button.

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